



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: October 4, 2011

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Administration, Library Department

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2012 Agreement For A Countywide Free Library System

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve and authorize the City Administrator to execute an agreement between the County of Santa Barbara and the Cities of Santa Barbara, Santa Maria and Lompoc for the operation of a Countywide Free Library System for Fiscal Year 2012.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed agreement provides for continued funding of Library services for all Santa Barbara County residents in Fiscal Year 2012 and designates the Cities of Santa Barbara, Lompoc and Santa Maria as administrators of County Library Zones 1, 2, and 3, respectively. The City of Santa Barbara furnishes library service to all persons inhabiting Library Zone 1, including Carpinteria, Los Olivos, Montecito, Goleta, Solvang and Santa Ynez.

On June 30, 2011 the previous one-year contract expired. Normally, the term of the agreement is four years. However, the Board of Supervisors is evaluating potential changes to the funding model. This one-year contract allows the library zones to receive the recommended funding for operations in Fiscal Year 2012 until a long-term strategy and funding model can be completed by the County, the City libraries and other interested stakeholders.

As a result of budget constraints, the Board of Supervisors reduced the County per capita contribution for Fiscal Year 2012 by 15%, from \$6.90 per resident to \$5.87.

Under the terms and conditions of this contract, the Santa Barbara Public Library System will receive:

- \$533,541.91 of County per capita funds for support of the Central and Eastside Branch Libraries (City Libraries)
- \$811,862.09 of County per capita funds for support of the Carpinteria, Goleta, Los Olivos, Montecito, Santa Ynez and Solvang Libraries (County Libraries)
- Estimated assessment revenue of \$169,210, collected within the unincorporated portion of County Service Area Number Three and available to the Goleta Library as a result of voter-approved Measure L
- A 9% administrative fee of \$72,168, that the City of Santa Barbara charges for managing the Carpinteria, Goleta, Los Olivos, Montecito, Santa Ynez and Solvang libraries

The Adopted Fiscal Year 2012 Library budget assumed the reduction in revenue from the County.

SUBMITTED BY: Irene Macias, Library Director

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office